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BY TELECOPY TO (202) 326-2624

Michael Varne, Esq. Premerger Notification Office Bureau of Competition, Room 303 Federal Trade Commission 6th and Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C. 20580

Dear Mr. Verne:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm our telephone conversation of August 7. 1998 in which you reviewed my fax to Tom Hancock dated August 6, 1998, a copy of which is attached, and stated that no filing would be necessary for the transaction set forth in the Transaction Description.

I greatly appreciate your making the extra effort to answer my inquiry in Mr. Hancock's absence and your prompt response.

Should you have my questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to call me collect a

Sincerely,

Attachment